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Walter LAUBER and Curt FOMER

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1. After press releases appeared concerning the arrests of Walter LAUBER (b. 14 Aug. 1918) and Curt FOMER (b. 27 July 1913), "Dr. SCHAEFER", head of IV 8, submitted his report # 5870, 17 Jan., which ZIPPER in turn turned over to us. We immediately asked to see the previous reports # 5714, 5759, 5760 which he assured us had been sent to us, but which we can not find and do not remember seeing; [ ] would certainly remember having seen such reports. Later we did obtain a copy of report 5714. He stated that the 40 copies of reports 5759 and 5760 had been destroyed, but that the substance of those reports is contained on the ZIPPER cards on Subjects. The cards were loaned to us and copied. Attached is one copy of each report and card. (For key see Att. to NOLA-18920.)

prepared by SCHAEFER

2. The gist of SCHAEFER's report is that, on 21 Oct. '52, at the Bavarian-Austrian border, SCHAEFER saw Subjects in a Volkswagen bearing Vienna license # W 6848 (said to belong to LAUBER), in the company of Dr. Wilhelm HERTL. SCHAEFER reported that FOMER seemed to be acquainted with the personnel of the border office and appeared to be connected with the book trade.

3. It would seem that SCHAEFER talked at least with Curt FOMER (incorrectly listed in report 5714 as "Kurt FRAGER"), but it is not clear whether FOMER and LAUBER overheard the SCHAEFER - HERTL discussions concerning THOMAS's book "Von Sie Verdachten Wollen" and the statement by HERTL that he had established contact with ZIPPER headquarters (through UN, according to SCHAEFER's expressed belief).

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